



Strategic Plan 2019-2022



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Foreword

Ashfield District Council and its partners are committed to preventing and reducing crime and anti social behaviour. This document sets out our collective determination to tackle the issues that matter most to our residents and those that are causing harm to the most vulnerable. The priorities have been developed collaboratively to ensure we are focusing our resources on the most important issues.

This document provides a strategic framework for us to work together across agencies to support communities and to put in place problem solving solutions that reduce harm.

Ashfield benefits from a Integrated Services Hub where different agencies come together to share expertise, intelligence and resources in order to increase our effectiveness.

Politically crime and disorder are a key priority for the Council. Both the Leader and Cabinet are committed to ensuring that Ashfield District Council delivers the best services it can alongside our partners.



Carol Cooper Smith
Chief Executive Officer

Our Vision

**“Making our
communities safer
and our residents feel
safer.”**





What is the Ashfield Community Partnership?

The Ashfield Community Safety Partnership is a multi-agency body responsible for tackling and addressing crime and disorder in Ashfield. The Partnership is made up of a number of statutory and non-statutory agencies including:

- Nottinghamshire Police
- Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Ashfield District Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Ashfield and Mansfield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Nottinghamshire Probation Trust
- The Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland Community Rehabilitation Company Limited
- The business community
- Voluntary sector organisations
- Residents/Community

The Strategic Plan:

The Ashfield Community Partnership Strategic Plan 2019 - 2022 is a three year rolling document, which identifies how the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) plans to tackle local community safety issues that matter to the local community.

The plan is revised annually through reviewing information set out in the Community Safety Strategic Assessment and from information obtained from the annual community consultation which ensures that current issues are taken into account and used to direct the CSP's strategy and actions.



Legal Framework and Government policy

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are a statutory feature of the network of partnerships that help to tackle crime and reduce reoffending and were set up under Sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Police and Crime Commissioner

We work very closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Nottinghamshire who has an important statutory role in relation to Community Safety Partnerships. The current PCC for Nottinghamshire, Paddy Tipping, was elected for a second term in May 2016 and will remain in office for a period of four years.

The mutual duty of PCCs and Community Safety Partnerships is to cooperate, having regard to each other's priorities, as set out in the Police and Crime Plan (in the case of the PCC) and the strategic assessments (in the case of MCP). The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner work with partners across community safety and criminal justice services to address policing and crime issues facing victims and citizens of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The Commissioner works with partners and funds community safety activity to tackle crime and disorder. Grants are also made available to relevant organisations for the reduction of crime and disorder.

The Police and Crime Commissioner also has a monitoring function and where a community safety partnership is not carrying out its duties effectively and efficiently the Commissioner can request a report from the responsible authorities on an issue of concern, if reasonable and proportionate to do so. He can also merge community safety partnerships with the consent of the authorities themselves.

The Commissioner has published his Police and Crime Plan 2018-2021 to reflect his commitment light of new and emerging priorities for policing. The latest version is available to view online [here](#).

In addition to the above, this Partnership Plan takes into consideration and aligns with the following legislation, strategies and policies:

Localism Act 2011

This piece of Legislation gives a clear signal that local authorities must work with local communities and neighbourhoods to find solutions to problems in their area and places the community at the heart of decision making. It allows local authorities to work together with each other in new ways to drive down costs in designing and delivering services.

Police and Crime Commissioner Plan

The Police and Crime Plan sets out priorities and what is expected from the Commissioner, Chief Constable and agencies contributing to community safety over the coming years.

Reducing crime depends on strong communities, active citizens and agencies that respond to public concerns. The Commissioner's priorities will be achieved through strong partnership working, encouraging more volunteering and engagement with communities to support local crime prevention work and cut reoffending.

Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014

This Act was passed in March 2014 and ensures all offenders receive at least 12 months supervision in the community on release from custody. Crucially, this allows the Government and Community Safety Partnerships to begin tackling the unacceptably high reoffending rates within communities.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 is the law that guides what agencies can do about anti-social behaviour.

It made big changes to the way agencies deal with anti-social behaviour, providing better protection for victims and communities. The law sets out the following 6 tools for agencies: Injunction; Criminal Behaviour Order, Dispersal Powers; Community Protection Notices and Orders; Public Spaces Protection Orders; Closure of Premises.

For local involvement and accountability, the 2014 Act also includes Community Remedy and the Community Trigger. The Community Trigger is intended to tackle persistent ASB and places a duty on CSP's to act to resolve cases, if it determines that insufficient action has been taken.

**Nottinghamshire
Families Outcomes
Plan**

Describes the approach to eligibility, targeting and measuring outcomes under the second phase of the Government's Troubled Families Programme. The plan draws together strategic priorities from across a range of public services and what Nottinghamshire County Council and partner agencies aim to achieve with each family.

Care Act 2014

The Care Act helps to improve people's independence and wellbeing. ACP will analyse a rich data set to identify the communities within Ashfield that have the greatest need for support. We will cooperate as set out in the Care Act.

**Nottingham Fire and
Rescue – Integrated
Risk Management Plan
2014-2019**

This Service plan set out a number of key priorities for community safety partnerships.

Priority 1: Service Delivery - Develop partnerships with other fire and rescue services and other agencies. Identify and support the most vulnerable in our society.

Priority 4: Engagements and Partnerships - Strengthen relationships with partners to protect the most 'at risk' people in our communities. Work with youth and educational services broadening prevention message to include anti-social behaviour and general well-being. Work in collaboration with police and criminal justice agencies to develop an approach to tackle youth anti-social behaviour, fire setting and arson.

**Nottinghamshire
Prevent Strategy**

This strategy seeks to align public agencies behind a common goal of reducing demand. The Strategy articulates a desire to pilot new service delivery models within three areas of Nottinghamshire that suffer from stubbornly high levels of public service demand. One of the three pilot areas identified is the existing partnership plus area, Sutton East.

Safer Nottinghamshire Board Review and Priorities

The current Safer Nottinghamshire Board priorities are:

- Vulnerable People
- Youth Crime Reduction
- Modern Slavery
- Domestic Abuse
- New and Emerging Communities
- Hate Crime
- Crime in rural areas

Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004)

Domestic Homicide Reviews were established on a statutory basis under section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). This provision came into force on 13th April 2011.

Call to end Violence against Women and Girls (2010)

Strategic governance for domestic violence and abuse links to the national 'Violence Against Women and Girls Agenda'. ACP has overall responsibility for conducting a review when a domestic homicide has occurred.

These themes provide focus to the sector's work in encouraging victims to disclose the abuse and in the longer term reduce repeat victimisation.

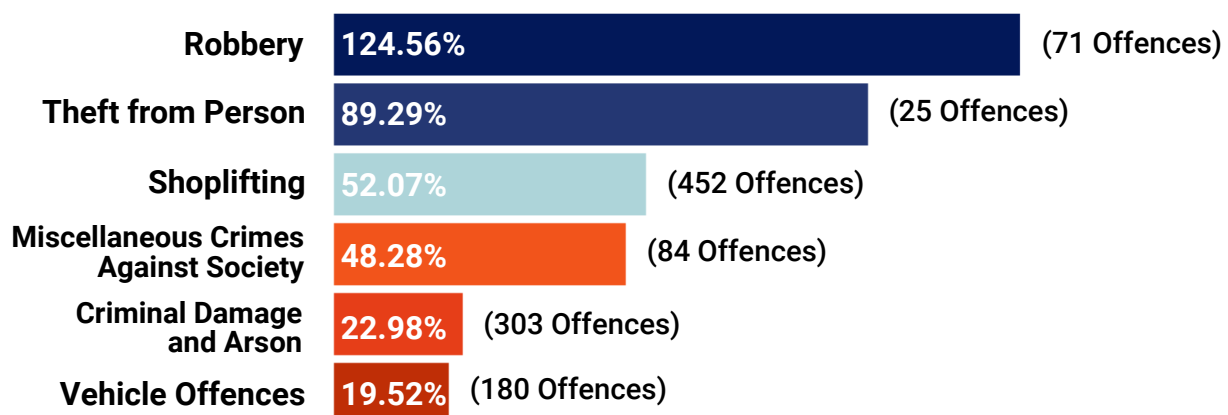
Crime and Disorder

In the 12 months (October 2017 – September 2018), Nottinghamshire Police recorded 11354 offences in the Ashfield District. This is an increase of 17.51% (1692 offences) on the previous year.

	Current: Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	Previous: Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	Volume Change	% Change	Target
Other Theft	957	1082	-125	-11.55%	Monitor
Burglary	952	1007	55	-5.46%	Monitor
Drug Offences	177	180	3	-1.67%	Monitor
Sexual Offences	381	373	8	2.14%	Reduce
Anti Social Behaviour	3582	3377	205	6.07%	Reduce
Public Order Offences	654	592	62	10.47%	Reduce
Other Crimes Against Society	1173	1013	160	15.79%	Reduce
Victim Based Crime	10181	8649	1532	17.71%	Reduce
Vehicle Offences	1102	922	180	19.52%	Reduce
Violence Against the Person	3439	2824	615	21.78%	Reduce
Criminal Damage and Arson	1707	1388	303	22.98%	Reduce
Possession of Weapons	84	67	17	25.37%	Reduce
Bicycle Theft	142	100	42	42.00%	Reduce
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	258	174	84	48.28%	Reduce
Shoplifting	1320	868	452	52.07%	Reduce
Theft from Person	53	28	25	89.29%	Reduce
Robbery	128	57	71	124.56%	Reduce
Total Recorded Crime	11354	9662	1692	17.51%	Reduce

There is an increase in recorded crime of 17.51% (1692 offences) which can partly be attributed to a change in Police crime recording practices particularly around Violence Against the Person 21.78% (615 offences).

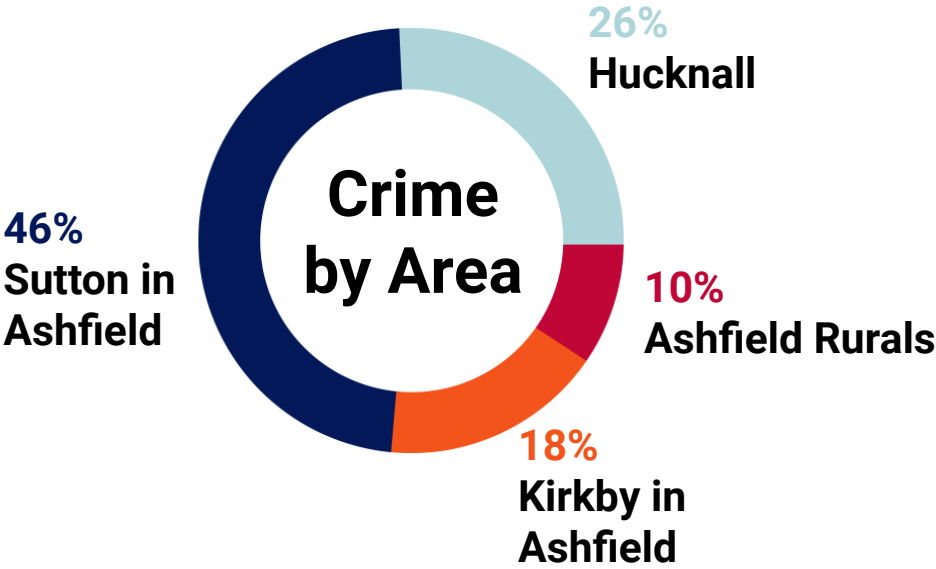
Significant increases can be seen in the following:



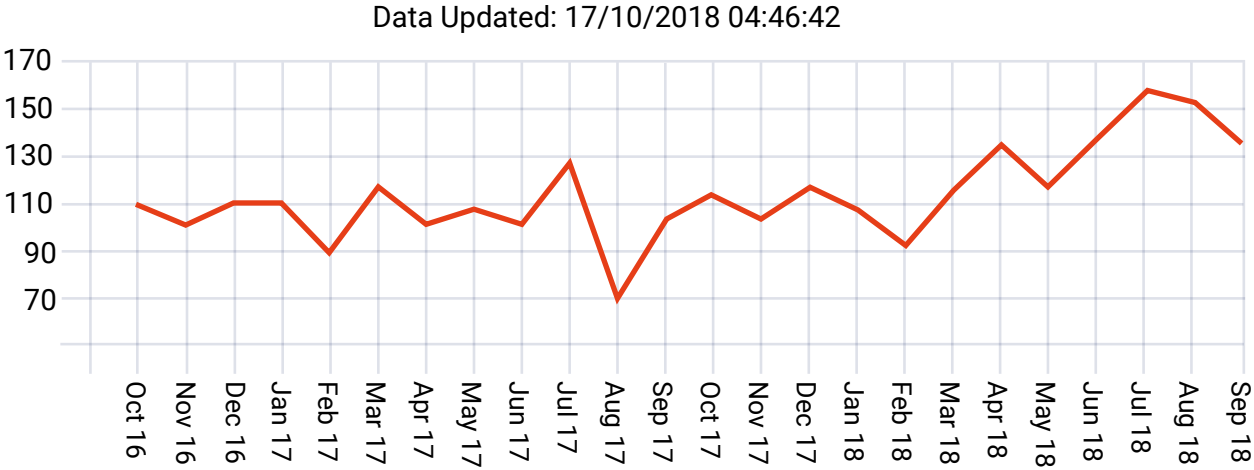
Only three reporting areas show a reduction:



Crime percentages loosely mirror the population figures for each main area. Sutton in Ashfield and Hucknall combined account for 72% of all crime.



Domestic Abuse

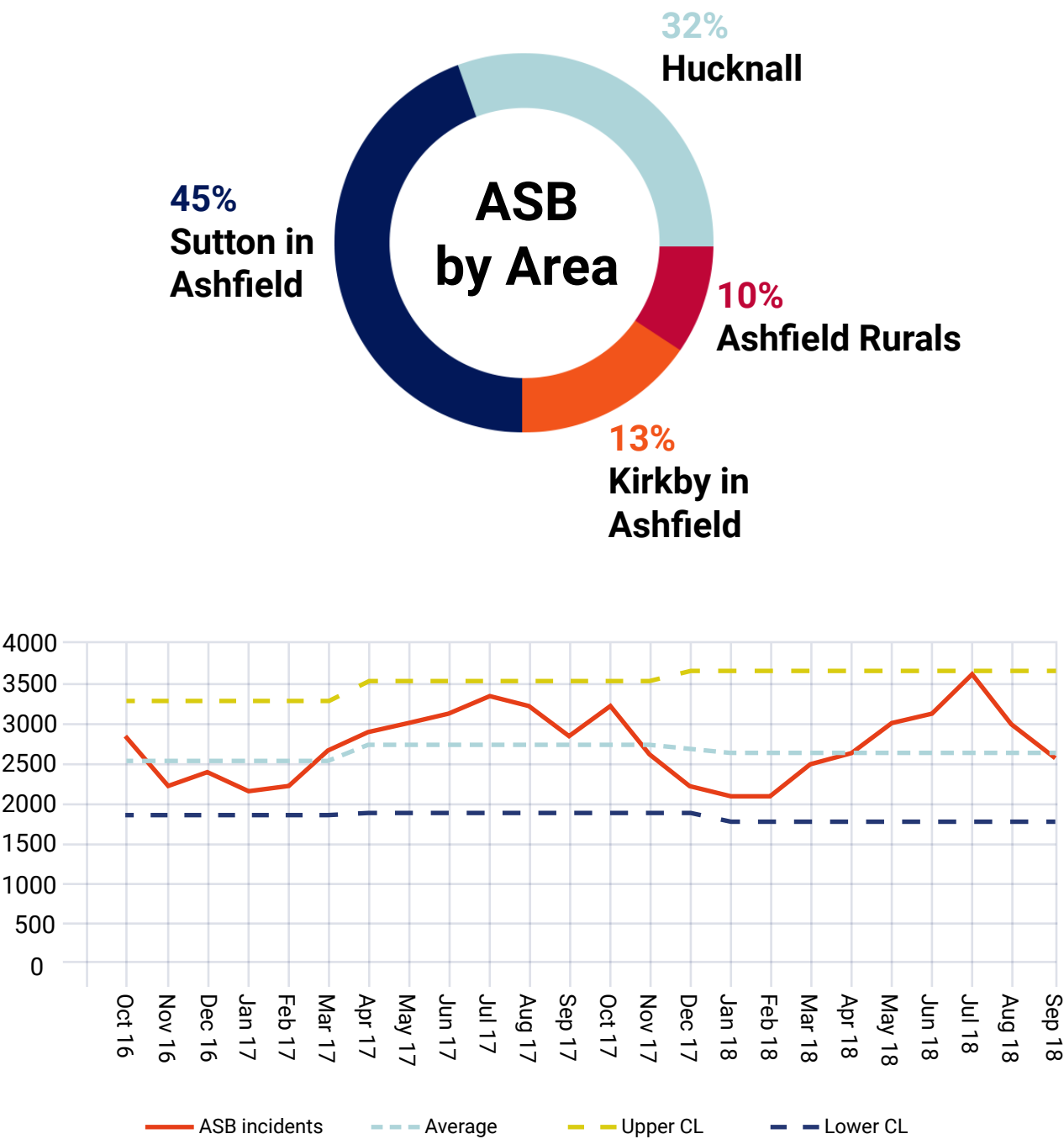


	Current: Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	Previous: Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	Volume Change	% Change	Target
Domestic Abuse	1456	1328	128	9.46%	Reduce

Domestic abuse reporting has continued to rise over the past two years with a 9.64% (128 offences) rise between October 2017 and September 2018. This is encouraging as it demonstrates a potential improved confidence in the ability of organisations to support victims and deal positively with perpetrators.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Sutton in Ashfield and Hucknall account for 77% of all reported antisocial behaviour.

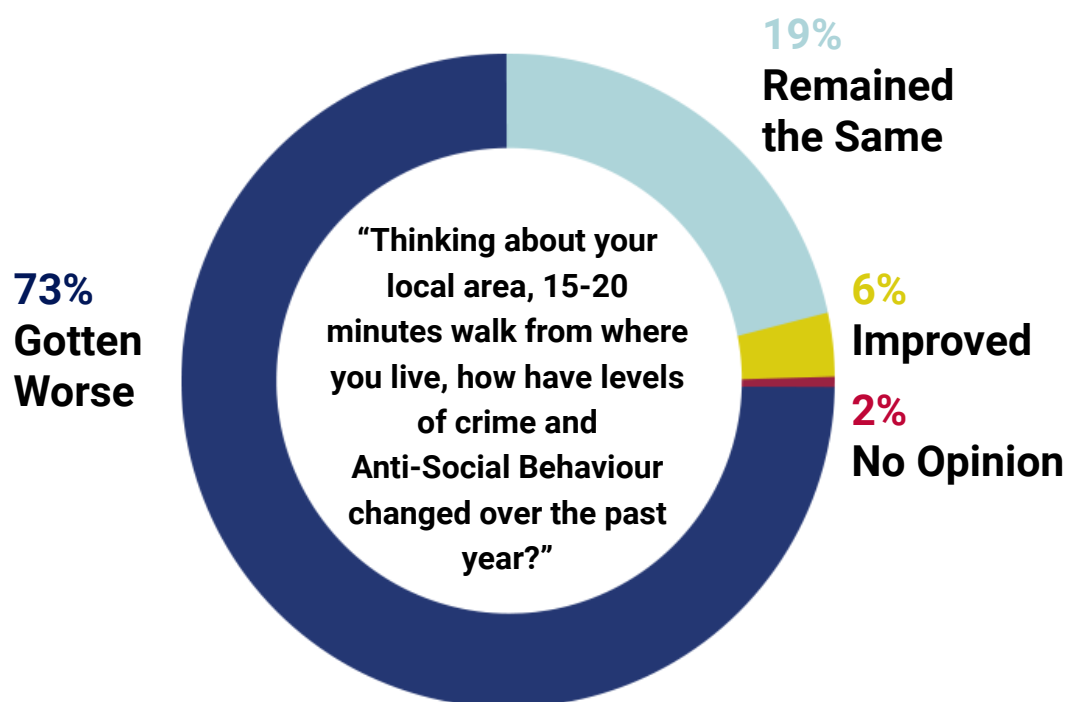


Levels of reporting of Anti-Social Behaviour rose slightly by 6.07% (205 offences) and reductions seen in two of the key areas; Environmental -13.69% (33 offences) and Personal -1.16% (7 offences). The only rise being in Nuisance -9.67% (245 offences).

Community Consultation 2018

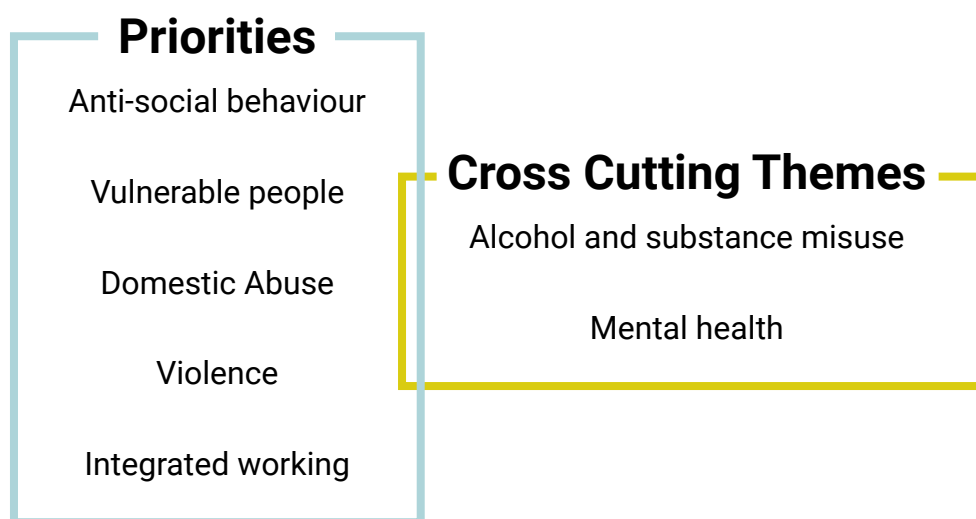
A recent Community Consultation in the Ashfield District showed that the largest proportion of residents, 73%, identified that crime and anti-social behaviour in the District had become worse over the past twelve months. 19% identified that it had remained the same and only 6% identified that it had improved.

It is important to note that this consultation was completed at a time that the local media was dominated by issues connected to the controlled substance known as Mamba and the associated anti-social behaviour.



Headlines

- Levels of crime and anti-social behaviour are perceived as becoming worse over the past year.
- Respondents identified that a well-established community, good neighbours and visible authority in the community are the key factors in making their area safe.
- Respondents stated that drug issues and a lack of Police are the key factors in making their area an unsafe place.
- Respondents perception is that substance misuse and youth issues are the main contributors to levels of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Respondents claim to have a good understanding of cybercrime, hate crime and child sexual exploitation, but less so about modern day slavery and preventing radicalisation.
- Respondents are most concerned about drug taking and dealing, nuisance vehicles and rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour.



How will we address these priorities?

It should be accepted that the above priorities will very often be linked and there will be an ongoing necessity for them to be addressed in a flexible manner. The completed Ashfield Community Safety Partnership Plan will therefore be a dynamic document.

All partners have committed to sharing information and identifying means to gather relevant information and making best use of technology to inform tactical plans around priority issues.

Real-time data and intelligence will be utilised to address those issues that affect our communities.

Problem solving is to be completed in partnership with specific focus groups being formed to address both emerging and long-standing issues.

Activities will be effective, deliver value for money and any new services or projects will be commissioned in areas of greatest need.

The Community Safety Partnership will target its resources to improve public confidence in services, address those issues that have the greatest impact and protect the communities that they serve.

The Mansfield and Ashfield Community Safety Partnership Delivery Group will be responsible for monitoring emerging issues and delivering the plan. They will then report outcomes to the Mansfield and Ashfield Community Safety Partnership Strategic Group to ensure that the plan is being effectively delivered.

The plan will be reviewed and updated on a yearly basis.

Priority: Anti-Social Behaviour

Aims:

- Increased identification and active targeting of offenders and hot spot locations
- Improved provision and promotion of support to victims and witnesses.
- Increased community empowerment to tackle ASB.
- Increased positive diversionary activity for those at risk from becoming involved in ASB.
- Improved management of perceptions and reassurance.
- Ensure people know how to report ASB.

What will we do?

- Provide consistent multi-agency approach to the identification and support of vulnerable and repeat victims of ASB.
- Take a partnership approach to the use of appropriate enforcement powers
- Support and develop partnership targeted seasonal education and awareness campaigns; i.e. Bonfire Night, Halloween, end of school year.
- Continue to support primary and secondary school education initiatives locally and countywide.
- Engage fully in countywide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Ashfield.
- Expansion of the Community Alcohol Partnership to Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Hucknall.
- Increased public visibility from all partners in those areas experiencing high levels of ASB. This is to be dynamic and led.
- Support and engage with the Nottinghamshire Police Schools and Early Intervention Officer to tackle school absence and associated ASB.
- Continue to engage proactively with those misusing both drugs and alcohol within the communities of Ashfield.
- Conduct inter-agency research to better understand the results of our public consultation. (72%)

What does success look like?

- In the twelve months to the end of September 2018, there were 3,582 incidents of ASB reported to the police in Ashfield District, which was a six per cent increase on the previous year.

Indicators of success:

- A downward trend in incidents.
- Communities and people are safer and feel safer. (Measured via the
- Improved public perception of ASB and connected issues as measured in the annual CSP Public Consultation.
- Reduce the number of repeat victims year on year in respect of ASB.

Priority: Protecting Vulnerable People

Aims:

- Increased identification and support for vulnerable residents and victims.
- Improved early help support mechanisms.
- Improved multi-agency awareness and prevention programs.
- Increased proactive response to emerging and high-risk vulnerability concerns as they occur.
- Improved early intervention and community based assistance to tackle root causes of children and family vulnerabilities.
- Enhanced awareness of violent extremism and hate crime.

What will we do?

- Use a partnership approach to ensure vulnerable children, families and adults are identified through the ongoing development of the Ashfield Complex Persons Panel.
- Actively promote knowledge of and the referral process for, the Ashfield Complex Persons Panel.
- Support and develop a partnership approach to countywide and national strategies around vulnerable people (to include PREVENT, Modern Day Slavery, CSE and Hate Crime) and organised crime groups (County Lines).
- Raise awareness of vulnerability concerns through targeted campaigns and events.
- Support and assist voluntary and other community groups to identify commissioning and funding opportunities.
- Engage fully in countywide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes.
- Support and promote engagement through appropriate mediums to ensure residents are aware what is happening in their area.
- Support and promote the National Property Register, 'Immobilise', to safeguard resident's valuable items.
- Promote, both internally and externally, the use of the National Referral Mechanism for reporting suspected cases of modern day slavery.
- Work with Public Health and Education agencies to find ways in which key (age-appropriate) sexual educational messages for children can be communicated and reinforced; particularly around issues of consent, personal boundaries and appropriate behaviour.
- Reinforce messages for children and young people in respect of the safe use of the internet. This will also include providing guidance for parents; both in terms of technical solutions (e.g. parental controls) and support to assist them in identifying possible issues.

What does success look like?

- Communities and people are safer and feel safer.
- Increased perception and understanding of Cybercrime, Preventing Radicalisation, Child Sexual Exploitation, Modern Day Slavery and Hate Crime as measured in the annual CSP Public Consultation.
- Increased confidence in agencies to encourage reporting of hate crime.
- Hate crime recording to correlate with ONS data.

Priority: Domestic Abuse

Aims:

- Improved challenge of underlying attitudes and behaviours.
- Develop early identification and intervention support.
- Increased support and risk reduction for high-risk victims of domestic abuse.
- Improved partnership working to ensure appropriate actions around perpetrators.
- Improved work with other partners to obtain the best outcomes for those affected by domestic abuse and their families.

What will we do?

- Support and develop partnership targeted education and awareness campaigns; i.e. White Ribbon.
- Support voluntary and other groups through identified commissioning and funding opportunities.
- Take a proportionate partnership approach to the use of appropriate enforcement powers.
- Support and develop the MARAC process to reduce risk for victims and families.
- Continue to support primary and secondary school education initiatives locally and countywide around healthy relationships.
- Engage fully in countywide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Ashfield.
- Support the countywide commissioning for Domestic Abuse Services. i.e The Serenity Project.
- Sustain early intervention processes.
- Work towards accreditation with the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA). DAHA is a partnership between three agencies who are leaders in innovation to address domestic abuse within housing: Standing Together Against Domestic Violence (STADV), Peabody and Gentoo.
- Domestic Homicide Reviews will be conducted in line with Home Office Guidance. All agencies involved will identify what lessons there are to learn about the way local professionals and organisations work individually and together to safeguard victims.

What does success look like?

- Reduce the number of repeat victims year on year in respect of domestic abuse.
- Increased confidence in agencies to encourage reporting of domestic abuse.

Priority: Violence

Aims:

- Increased proactive response to violence associated with night-time economy disorder
- Increase identification and support for young people involved with (or at risk of being involved with) violent crime.
- Increased identification and active targeting of offenders who are exploiting vulnerable groups
- Enhance awareness of violent extremism and hate crime
- Improved support for victims of violent crime
- Improved targeting of prolific and repeat violent crime offenders

What will we do?

- Promote and engage communities to report crime issues of concern via all appropriate channels (to include online reporting via the Nottinghamshire Police website and CRIMESTOPPERS)
- Support and develop partnership targeted education, awareness and crime reduction campaigns.
- Provide consistent multi-agency approach to the identification of repeat and high-risk offenders for crime and ASB.
- Engage fully in countywide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Ashfield.
- Support voluntary and other groups through identified commissioning and funding opportunities for the reduction of re-offending.
- Reduced placement of vulnerable people into sensitive locations through development of the Ashfield Complex Persons Panel and liaison with Ashfield District Council Housing Services.
- Support and implement Nottinghamshire's Knife Crime Strategy 2018. (OPCC)

What does success look like?

- In the twelve months to the end of September 2018, there were 3439 violent crimes reported to the police in Ashfield. This was a rise of 21.78%.

Success:-

- A downward trend in incidents (excluding harassment and stalking).
- Communities and people are safer and feel safer.

Priority: Integrated Working

Aims:

- To further develop and improve partnership working across the Ashfield District.

What will we do?

- Have mutual respect within partner organisations.
- Actively listen to each other to improve outcomes for residents.
- Work from shared values.
- Better understand the priorities and limitations of partner organisations.
- Honesty with each other.
- Be customer and solution focused.
- Acknowledge each other's' views.
- Be inclusive.
- Have open communication and information sharing.
- Take an evidence based approach to the setting of shared priorities.
- Problem solving to be completed using approved methodology (OSARA).

What does success look like?

- An expanded and more inclusive partnership HUB.
- Increase public satisfaction in agencies across the Ashfield District. (Measured via the public consultation.)



Further information and Useful Contacts

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Nottinghamshire County Council

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Crimestoppers

(Confidential anonymous reporting of crime)
Tel: 0800 555 111

The Pathway Project

(Assistance for victims of domestic abuse)
Tel: 01543 676800 (24 Hour Helpline)
www.pathway-project.co.uk

Nottinghamshire Victim Care

(A free and confidential service that provides information, advice, or practical and emotional support, to all victims of crime in Nottinghamshire, even if it has not been reported to the police)
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